

STAUNTON ON WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10 December 2016 in the Staunton on Wye Village Hall.

Present – A Powles, N Sellar, A Andrews, E Pearson-Gregory, P Pantall, T Chant, R Skyrme and P Dyke. There was one member of the public present.

28. Apologies – J Mason

29. Declarations of Interest - None

30. Minutes of meeting held on 12 September 2016 – were approved and signed by the Chairman.

31. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

32. Planning matters

Decisions made at the last meeting –

162794 / 162799 – Old Court , Brobury – The Clerk informed the meeting that both applications had been withdrawn. Concern was expressed within the meeting that a new application may be re-submitted in the future. A request was made that if such an application were made then a site meeting of the Parish Council would be convened. Concern was also expressed that there was an issue around the possibility of “flash flooding”.

New Applications -

There were no new applications.

33. Playing Field – The meeting was informed that there were two funding possibilities. The Clerk agreed to provide a selected member of the Parish Council with a form appropriately completed and drafted. The Clerk was further requested to contact his predecessor to access a report on the playing field provided by ROSPA. The Chair led discussion about the maintenance of new fencing around the playing field. It was agreed that such provision would go in tandem with the provision of play area equipment. It was agreed to replace the bark areas in March 2017 at the latest.

34. Highway Matters -

There was discussion regarding the requested provision of double white lines at Hanmore Cross. Given the expressed view to the Parish Council that there was no money available to provide double white lines the Clerk was requested to e-mail the Highways Department expressing concern that the road at that point was unsafe and that lines should be provided there and also at the Portway Junction. The Clerk was also requested to bring to the attention of the Highways Department the lack of drainage on the road at these points and the regular accumulation of water. It was agreed that Cllr Skelton should be copied into such correspondence.

The item on Bredwardine Bridge was noted and the Clerk was requested to ask that Cllr Skelton report back on any future information and/or correspondence.

The meeting agreed that a number of white slow signs on the road required repairing. Further that issue and that of a twenty mile an hour speed limit should be taken up by the Clerk with Mr Quant and Balfour Beatty. Further that Balfour Beatty should be reminded of the current situation relating to the cleaning of gullies.

The Clerk was requested to liaise with PC Dick Alford in respect of lights along the wall at the Portway and the continued placement of signage.

35. Website -

It was reported that the website was "in good shape". A request was made that Councillors examine the website and report back to the meeting with their views. Minutes and Agenda will be sent to Heloise for placement on the website. A request was made that consideration should be given to the making of payments to Heloise for her hosting of the website.

36. General Correspondence -

There were no items of correspondence received by the Clerk.

37. Defibrillator

The clerk informed the meeting that he had received a request that the Parish Council meet the cost of the renewal of pads for the defibrillator. Further that the cost of the hire of the hall for an annual course be met by the Parish Council. This was agreed.

38. Payphones.

There was debate on the communication received by the Clerk concerning the future of the Payphones at Staunton on Wye and Monnington on Wye. The Clerk was requested to reply to the communication objecting to any proposal of removal of either of the boxes. Further a request was to be made about any proposal relating to the payphone at Letton. It was agreed that at some point in the future consideration may have to be given to purchase of the boxes by the Parish Council.

39. Footpaths.

A member of the public, Andy Palfreman submitted a report in respect of the state of the footpaths. He submitted a list of the items that would be required to bring the state of the footpaths to a reasonable state of repair. The Council was informed of the need to meet its responsibilities by one of the Parish Councillors. Mr Palfreman agreed to approach Balfour Beatty with a request to make items such as finger posts , sign posts , and stiles available.

40, Finance (including Precept)

The Clerk informed the meeting of the current financial situation.

The level of the precept for the next financial year was debated and a precept of £3,000 was properly proposed and seconded.

41. Any Other Business

Further concern was again expressed at the current state at the site of the old school. It was understood that the site is now owned by David Kingham. The owner of the Weir Gardens Nursing Home. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Kingham expressing the concern of the Parish Council at the state of the site and the consequent impression that gave of the village. Further the Clerk was requested to write to the Conservation Officer expressing concern regarding the state and condition of a Grade 11 listed buiding.

The Parish Council wishes to consider its future membership of HALC. The Clerk was requested to offer an invitation to a representative of HALC to attend the next meeting to explain the benefits of membership of that organisation.

Next Meeting – 6 February 2017 – 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm

